

Leicester Square. 3<sup>d</sup> July 1776

Dear Sir,

My last to you, which was a few days since was forwarded through one of public Offices, and with I hope come safe to your hands; since, which nothing material has occurred here; indeed the general expectation, especially of us Americans, is fixed on news from that quarter; we had yesterday an unpleasant report, that a Vessel arrived from Boston at Bristol brought advice that another Commodore, Ship with a large quantity of Powder &c. was taken, and by what I have heard before from Halifax I fear this news is too well founded.

I presume that all the troops destined for America are now gone, saving <sup>the</sup> recruits, of which a large number have lately enlisted, and are daily sending off.

Mr. Simpson tells me that Mr. Faneuil's coming here is uncertain, and that he was expecting a letter from me; if therefore he should be with you, you'd please to deliver him the enclosed; if he should have left.

you, please to destroy it, after reading it, if your curiosity should incline you to that.

As provisions are so dear in this place, I judge that the American salt fish, would be useful in our Family, if therefore you have any with you of the right sort, (which the Gentlemen lately come from thence say they have) I beg the favor of you to send me a quintal of it.

I hope this will find you and your family in good health and spirits, and that you may have the pleasing prospect of better times.

My affectionate and hearty regards attend Sister Winslow and your Children, & I beg the favor of you to make my due compliments to all our relations that may be with you, and to the Gentlemen of my Acquaintance. Mr Copley & Wife send their dutiful and affectionate respects to you & yours - I am

Dear Sir,

Your affectionate Brother  
& faithful Friend  
Richard Clarke

My Since the aforegoing Mrs Copley  
has recd a Letter from her Sister Bromfield, she  
writes, that she is obliged to confine herself to  
domestick ~~concerns~~ intelligence, and that their  
Family was such, that Daughter Martin wrote  
her, that they designed for England the first good  
opportunity, but proposed a Visit to Boston first  
that Mrs Lee had been with them, but in poor  
health, and was gone again to the Southward  
to bring Mrs Lee home, and that a Gentleman  
who left England in Jan<sup>y</sup> had informed them of  
mine & Mr Copley's arrival here. Mr Bromfield's  
Letter is of 29<sup>th</sup> May & came by a Schooner from  
Cape Ann which brought here some Captains  
who had been taken.

9<sup>th</sup> I yesterday recd yours of 3<sup>rd</sup> June, and thank you  
for your affectionate concern in the welfare of my Family  
I have repeatedly mentioned your affair to G. H. he says  
nothing can be done in it at present. Gen. Gage is out  
of Town. If it should ever be in my power to do you any  
service, it would give me great pleasure, but I don't  
judge I shall be able to do you service in the affair  
you mention, but by reminding your other friends of you, which I  
shall attend to, when any prospect opens. I had no share in procuring what  
my Son have got, neither did G. H. assist in it. I had no other opportunity of  
sending out your small articles, but by favor of Mr Portland; I hope on reflection  
you won't think I could have asked a receipt for them; if you write him, I  
hope you will hear of them. I suppose his Secretary has been the sole cause  
of your failing to receive them. You don't mention whether you have recd.  
the other articles I sent you -

G. H. L.  
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To  
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